

SENATE BILL 2017
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47;
Title 56 and Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to
health care services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-220, is hereby amended
by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) Upon determination that a patient is uninsured, a hospital shall make information available to any patient or patient's representative on its policies regarding financial assistance to uninsured patients. Hospital financial assistance guidelines should clearly state the eligibility criteria and the process used by the hospital to determine whether a patient is eligible for financial assistance. This process should take into account the patient's income relative to existing federal poverty guidelines.

(2) Any patient seeking financial assistance from the hospital shall provide the hospital with timely information concerning health benefits coverage, financial status, and any other information that is necessary for the hospital to make a determination regarding the patient's status relative to the hospital's financial assistance, insurance or government-sponsored programs eligibility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.